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THE ORIGIN OF THE LONE WOLF

Before he became the Lone Wolf, Itto Ogami walked in honor as the Shogun's executioner, using his invincible skills as a swordsman to end the lives of any who dared defy the Shogunate. But the Yagyu clan, the Shogun's deadly assassins, changed Ogami's life forever.

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